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SUBJECT: LOWER HOUSE APPROVES SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET

REF: TOKYO 15529.

SUMMARY. IN LATE NIGHT SESSION OCT 29-30 THE LOWER HOUSE APPROVED JFY
-75 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET. UPPER HOUSE DELIBERATIONS HAVE BEGUN
WITH LDP AIMING AT NOVEMBER 7 PASSAGE. OUTLOOK FOR PRICE
HIKE BILLS IN UPPER HOUSE REMAINS UNCLEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. IN PLENARY SESSION WHICH LASTED UNTIL AFTER 0100 OCT 30,
THE LOWER HOUSE APPROVED AND SENT TO THE UPPER HOUSE THE JFY-75
SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET. HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS
BEGAN ON THE 30TH AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR SEVENDAYS, WITH THE
GOJ AIMING FOR UPPER HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE BUDGET ON NOVEMBER

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7. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER THE GOJ INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH

UPPOER HOUSE CONSIDERATION OF THE THREE PRICE HIKE BILLS
WHICH WERE APPROVED BY THE LOWER HOUSE ON OCTOBER 24.

2. LATE HOUR LOWER HOUSE PLENARY ACTION ON SUPPLEMENTARY
BUDGET WAS CAUSED BY DISRUPTION EARLIER IN THE DAY OF BIDGET
COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS DUE TO OPPOSITION INSISTENCE THAT
THE KIM DAE JUNG CASE BE REOPENED (REFTEL).

3. COMMENT. WHILE DIET PROCEEDINGS ARE SOMEWHAT BEHIND
SCHEDULE THE OUTLOOK FOR DIET APPROVAL OF THE SUPPLWMTARY
BUDGET BY MID-NOVEMBER IS REASONABLY GOOD. THERE IS STILL
LITTLE AGREEMENT HERE, HOWEVER, AS TO HOW MIKI WILL STEER
THE THREE PRICE HIKE BILLS THROUGH THE UPPER HOUSE WHERE THE
LDP MAJORITY IS RAZOR THIN AND WHERE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPPOS-
TION OBSTRUCTION ABOUND. THE UPPERHOUSE OUTLINEIS FURTHER
CLOUDED BY THE ATTITUDE OF PRESIDENT KONO WHO IS ADAMNTLY
OPPOSED TO TE USE OF STEAMROLLER TACTICS.
PRELIMIARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OPPOSITION ON THE HANDLING
OF THE PRICE HIKE BILLS INDICATE ROUGH-SLEDDING AND IT APPEARS THAT
UPPOER HOUSE DELIBERATINS WILL NOT BEGING UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER'S
RETURN FROM THE SIX-NATION SUMMIT CONFERENCE. BY THAT TIME ONLY
A WEEK WILL REMAIN IN THE DIET SESSION AND AN EXTENSION OF ABOUT 20
DAYS APPEARS ALL BUT CERTAIN.
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